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1. MRS. HELEN PETRIK CAME TO CONGEN SUNDAY AFTERNOON MARCH 13 BY TAXI AFTER ARRIVING IN LENINGRAD BY TRAIN THAT MORNING. SHE WAS ON TOUR, SPONSORED BY GENERAL TOURS, WHICH HAD TAKEN HER TO MOSCOW AND SUZDAL. SHE COMPLAINED OF MALTREATMENT OF TOUR GUIDES AND BY TOUR LEADERS AND STATED SHE WAS BEING HELD QUOTE INCOMMUNICADO END QUOTE IN HER ROOM AT HOTEL LENINGRAD. SHE INDICATED SHE HAD SUFFERED A NUMBER OF PROBLEMS AND UNPLEASANT INCIDENTS ON THE TOUR INVOLVING BOTH SOVIETS AND AMERICANS.

2. SPECIFICALLY, SHE HAD BEEN QUOTE PUSHED END QUOTE ON THE ARM BY A SOVIET POLICEMAN IN A MISUNDERSTANDING OVER HOTEL ACCOMODATIONS IN SUZDAL. HER MINK COAT SLEEVE WAS TORN. SHE ALSO SHOWED CONGENOFF BRUISES ON HER LEFT ARM WHICH SHE DESCRIBED AS HAVING BEEN CAUSED WHEN A TOUR GUIDE SEIZED HER ROUGHLY AND FORCED HER ONTO A BUS. FINALLY, SHE WAS UNABLE TO PLACE A CALL TO HER HUSBAND AND/OR SENATOR ON SUNDAY AFTERNOON.

3. AT THAT POINT SHE CAME TO CONGEN SEEKING HELP, AND CONGENOFF MADE EFFORT TO CALM AND REASSURE HER AND THEN PLACED CALL FOR LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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HER TO HER HUSBAND IN MONTANA. DURING TELEPHONE CONVERSATION CONGENOFF ASSURED MR. PETRIK THAT HIS WIFE WAS ALLRIGHT, THAT HER COMPLAINTS WOULD BE INVESTIGATED AND ACTED UPON, AND THAT CONGEN WOULD SEE THAT SHE GOT SAFELY ABOARD HER CHARTER FLIGHT HOME. CONGENOFF THEN GAVE HER RIDE BACK TO HOTEL LENINGRAD. CONGEN HAS BEEN IN CONTACT WITH MRS. PETRIK BY TELEPHONE SEVERAL TIMES SINCE THEN. ON MONDAY EVENING, MRS.

PETRIK WAS AGAIN UNABLE TO TELEPHONE HER HUSBAND, AND CONGEN AGAIN TELEPHONED HIM TUESDAY MORNING WITH REASSURANCES OF HIS WIFE'S SAFETY AND WELFARE AND WITH FLIGHT INFORMATION CONCERNING HER ARRIVAL HOME ON THURSDAY.

4. CONGEN WILL SEE TO IT THAT MRS. PETRIK LEAVES SAFELY AS PLANNED ON WEDNESDAY. SHE WILL ARRIVE SALT LAKE CITY WEDNESDAY, MARCH 16 AT 12:00 MIDNIGHT, WILL STAY IN AIRPORT HOLIDAY INN, AND WILL PROCEED TO BILLINGS MARCH 17 ON FRONTIER FLIGHT 602, ARRIVING BILLINGS 11:39 AM. SHE IS PRESENTLY STAYING IN HOTEL LENINGRAD ROOM 937, TELEPHONE 2428937. HER HUSBAND PAUL PETRIK RESIDES SYDNEY, MONTANA, TELEPHONE 482-1963, AREA CODE 406.

5. CONGEN LIKEWISE INTENDS TO INVESTIGATE MRS. PETRIK'S COMPLAINTS RE SOVIET ACTIONS AND MAKE PROTEST AS APPROPRIATE. HOWEVER, PERSONS AFFILIATED WITH GENERAL TOURS APPEAR TO BE AMONG TARGETS OF HER COMPLAINTS, AND CONGEN DEFERS TO HER IN DEALING WITH THIS ASPECT OF HER CASE. IN FACT, MRS. PETRIK REQUESTED CONGEN NOT TO REPEAT NOT TO MAKE ENQUIRIES OF PERSONS CONNECTED WITH THE TOUR UNTIL SHE HAS DEPARTED.

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